

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claim 15 is allowable. Claims 1, 6, 11, 12, 14 and 16 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 23 of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/915,093, now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,919,592. Reconsideration of the claims, in light of the remarks that follow, is respectfully requested.

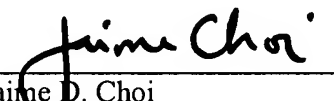
Applicants thank Examiner Coleman for the telephonic interview conducted on September 11, 2007 between the Examiner and Jaime Choi, representing Applicant. During the interview, the abovementioned non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection was discussed, and the fact that the cited reference has issued as a patent. During the discussion, it was agreed that the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,919,592 do not read on the claims of the instant application, and that consequently Applicants do not need to file a terminal disclaimer.

Applicants note that in the office communication of June 29, 2007, the Examiner remains silent on claims 2-4, 6-10, 13, and 17-18. However, Applicants believe the comments above apply and that the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,919,592 also do not read on claims 2-4, 6-10, 13, or 17-18.

In view of the above comments, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request the Examiner to allow the claims to issue. No fees are believed to be due at this time. However, please charge any fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

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